





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Leadore Land Partners  
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Dear Karl,

The following letter will document your meeting with Ingrid Drieling, Kristine Tyler, Tyson Lind and Wendy Hoffman on April 27, 2015 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Grizzly Hill, HES 208, Little Eight Mile, Mollie Gulch, and Railroad Lands allotments for the 2015 grazing season. The authorized use for Grizzly Hill, HES 208, Little Eight Mile, Mollie Gulch and Railroad Lands allotments with the  and  brands will be as follows:

### Grizzly Hill Permitted Use

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Grizzly Hill C&H (Grizzly Side)	Leadore Land Partners	384 c/c	1932	6/1-10/31
Grizzly Hill C&H (Frank Hall Side)	Leadore Land Partners	509 c/c	2226	6/21-10/31
Grizzly Hill C&H (BLM Grazing Agree.)	Leadore Land Partners	145 c/c	NTE 729 AUMs	6/1-10/31

### Authorized Use and Allotment Rotation

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Herd</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Grizzly Hill C&H	Leadore Land Partners	1	180 yearlings, 200 c/c, 20 bulls	1368	6/1-9/12
		2	450 c/c	888	6/15-9/2

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Herd</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Grizzly Hill C&H	Switch Back	1	180 yearlings, 200 c/c, 20 bulls	408	6/1-7/1
	Wagonbox/Jakes	1	180 yearlings, 200 c/c, 20 bulls	420	7/2-8/2
	Grizzly Hill	1	180 yearlings, 200 c/c, 20 bulls	408	8/3-9/2
	Hood Gulch/Hood Gulch Riparian	1	180 yearlings, 200 c/c, 20 bulls	132	9/3-9/12

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Grizzly Hill C&H	Willow Springs	2	450 c/c	325	6/21-7/12
	Lower Salt	2	225 c/c	237	7/13-8/13
	Upper Salt	2	225 c/c	237	7/13-8/13

Chippie Creek/Freestrip/Whiskey Springs/Bell Field/Frank Hall/Wildcat REST

\*Trail through Canyon Creek



## HES 208 C&H

### Permitted and Authorized Use

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Kind/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
HES 208 C&H	Leadore Land Partners	Variable	NTE 14 H.M.	6/1-10/31

## Little Eight Mile C&H

### Permitted Use

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Kind/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Little Eight Mile C&H	Leadore Land Partners	159 c/c	455	6/26-9/20

### Authorized Use

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Kind/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Little Eight Mile C&H	Leadore Land Partners	159 yearlings	455	6/26-9/20

### Unit Rotation

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Little Eight Mile C&H	Lower Unit	150 yearlings	74	6/26-7/10
	Upper North	150 yearlings	158	7/11-8/11
	Upper South	150 yearlings	158	8/12-9/12



## Mollie Gulch C&H

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Mollies Gulch C&H	Leadore Land Partners	210 c/c	283	8/1-9/10

## Railroad Lands C&H

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Railroad Lands C&H	Leadore Land Partners	20 c/c	80	6/1-9/30

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Railroad Lands C&H	Railroad Lands	20 c/c	80	6/1-9/30

Only cattle with the  and  brands are authorized to graze on Grizzly Hill, HES 208, Little Eight Mile, Mollie Gulch, Railroad Lands, and State Lands C&H allotments. The Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit as per Part 2, Item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Regulations. Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. Dates listed in the authorized use section may vary based on management needs or range readiness and proper use standards. **If changing unit move dates becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact Sara Norman and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.** Changes can be made based on resource objectives, provided the changes are first approved and documented by an authorized officer. Any extension of use beyond the permitted dates will not be authorized.

### Allowable Use

The allowable use standards for the Grizzly Hill, HES 208, Little Eight Mile, Mollie Gulch, and

Railroad Lands C&H allotments are listed below. It is your responsibility to be aware and recognize utilization and alteration standards. You must move your livestock to the next unit planned, or off the allotment, when those standards have been met. During the 2013 and 2014 grazing season standards in the Frank Hall/Wildcat Unit were not met, it is important that during the 2015 grazing season the standards are met in this unit. If you need assistance determining utilization levels please contact Sara Norman and she will assist you. **Once cattle are removed from a unit in accordance with use standards and unit scheduling, they are not allowed to return. Please ensure you clean all livestock from your units.** The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. Monitoring typically occurs within two weeks of your unit move date. Please contact your Range Specialists if you would like to join them when monitoring your allotment.

### **Grizzly Hill**

<b>Key Area Location</b>	<b>Unit – Stream</b>	<b>Monitoring Attribute</b>	<b>Annual Use Indicator</b>	<b>Key Species</b>	<b>Trigger</b>
MIM M269 & M296	Grizzly Hill Unit Canyon Creek	Browse use	50%	Willow	45%
		Greenline stubble	4 in.	Hydric spp.	5 in.
		Bank Alteration	20%	N/A	15%
MIM M245	Frank Hall/ Wildcat Unit Frank Hall Creek	Greenline stubble	6 in.	CARO	7 in.
		Bank Alteration	15%	N/A	10%
MIM M271	Frank Hall/ Wildcat Unit Wildcat Creek	Browse use	30%	Willow	25%
		Greenline stubble	6 in.	CARO	7 in.
		Bank Alteration	20%	N/A	15%
MIM M270	Frank Hall/ Wildcat Unit Deadhorse Canyon	Browse use	30%	Willow	25%
		Greenline stubble	6 in.	CARO	7 in.
		Bank Alteration	10%	N/A	10%
Upland sites	All Units	Utilization by Key Species	50%	Upland grass species	50%

### **Conservation Measures**

The following measures will be implemented as part of the Grizzly Hill C&H Allotment's annual operating instructions (AOI) to avoid and reduce potential impacts to ESA listed fish:

1. No livestock are placed in the Canyon Creek Unit. Trailing will occur on road with limited access to creek.
2. The on date will be varied so that livestock will be placed on the allotment at range readiness. This will reduce potential for bank alteration. This will help meet our long term riparian resource objective for bank stability.
3. Annual use indicators will dictate when livestock are moved between units or off the allotment within the terms of the term grazing permit including moves in response to fish spawning. This will help us meet our long term riparian resource objectives. Annual use indicators will be monitored by Forest Service personnel.

4. Permittees will continue to salt at least ¼ mile away from streams. This will continue to reduce potential impacts on riparian areas, spawning areas and designated critical habitat.
5. Permittees will continue to distribute livestock away from streams and associated riparian areas (ride) one day every two weeks, reducing potential impacts on riparian areas, spawning areas and designated critical habitat.
6. Fences and water developments have been placed to reduce livestock use on streams and their associated riparian areas. This will continue to reduce impacts on riparian areas, spawning areas and designated critical habitat.

#### **Little 8 Mile**

<b>Key Area Location</b>	<b>Unit Creek</b>	<b>Monitoring Attribute</b>	<b>Annual Use Indicator</b>	<b>Key Species</b>	<b>Trigger</b>
MIM M	Upper South Unit- Upper Little Eightmile Creek	Browse Use	50%	Willow	45%
		Greenline Stubble	4 in.	Hydric ssp	5 in.
		Bank Alteration	20%	N/A	15%
MIM M268	Lower Unit- Upper Little Eightmile Creek	Browse Use	30%	Willow	25%
		Greenline Stubble	6 in.	Carex	7 in.
		Bank Alteration	10%	N/A	10%
MIM M267	Lower Unit- Upper Little Eightmile Creek	Greenline Stubble	4 in.	Carex	5 in.
		Bank Alteration	20%	N/A	15%
Upland Sites	All Units	Utilization by Key Species	50%	Upland Grass Species	45%
Riparian Areas	All Units	Utilization by Key Species	50%	Riparian Grass Species	45%

#### **Conservation Measures**

The following measures will be implemented as part of the Little Eight Mile Allotment's annual operating instructions (AOI) to avoid and reduce potential impacts to ESA listed fish:

1. The on date will be varied so that livestock will be placed on the allotment at range readiness. This will reduce potential for bank alteration. This will help meet our long term riparian resource objective for bank stability.
2. Annual use indicators will dictate when livestock are moved between units or off the allotment within the terms of the term grazing permit, including moves in response to fish spawning. This will help us meet our long term riparian resource objectives. Annual use indicators will be monitored by Forest Service personnel.
3. Permittees will continue to salt at least ¼ mile away from streams. This will continue to reduce potential impacts on riparian areas, spawning areas and designated critical habitat.

4. Permittees will continue to distribute livestock away from streams and associated riparian areas (ride) one day every two weeks, reducing potential impacts on riparian areas, spawning areas and designated critical habitat.
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#### **Actual Use and Improvement Maintenance Reports**

Your accurate documentation of actual use and maintenance is vital to the yearly allotment record. Numbers, move dates, riding and photos are all items used to compile End of Year reports written by your Rangeland Management Specialist. These reports are submitted yearly to the service agencies and published on the web.

Actual use and range improvement maintenance forms have been included for you to complete and return within 30 days of your off date.

#### **Range Improvements**

Range improvements listed in Part 3 of your grazing permit **must** be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to discuss materials and supplies for any improvements that are in need of re-construction.

#### **General Management**

The grazing fees for 2015 are the base rate of \$1.69 per head month. Payment of your grazing bill is due prior to your earliest turnout date.

The Salmon-Challis Travel Management Record of Decision was signed December 24, 2009. With the issuance of this decision, all roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use map (MVUM). As detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulation. **Effective March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Salmon Challis National Forest requires a Vehicle Use Permit, signed by the District Ranger, for ALL closed roads or off road travel. This must be displayed in windshield for Trucks or carried on ATV's, UTV's and Motorcycles. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to obtain a Vehicle Use Permit for any closed road or off-road travel.** Motor vehicle use maps may be obtained at any Salmon-Challis Ranger District.

Approval of requests for personal convenience and resource protection nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Requests for non-use must be done in writing and the approval of a request for non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period.

Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails.

Place salt at least ¼ mile from water sources and in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. We have implemented a Noxious Weed Free Hay order on our Forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds.

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center in Salmon, ID at (208) 756-5157.

If you have any questions regarding any of the allotments for which you have permits, please call Sara Norman at (208) 768-2505 or myself at (208) 756-5247.

SINCERELY,

*/s/ Jay Winfield*

JAY WINFIELD  
District Ranger

Cc: Tyson Lind and Kristine Tyler  
Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Records